

Parking in the Village of Chaddesley

The parking situation in the Village has deteriorated over the last few weeks and the Parish Council understands the adverse effect this is having on the quality of life for residents and on business for local shops.

When we were told that the school would double in size we had thought this would be a temporary problem because a new school would be built. However, although still by no means certain, we are now told this will not happen for at least another 3 years. With this in mind the Parish Council have been looking at all possible temporary solutions to the problem.

Governors of the school have been consulted and several options are being considered, including re-introducing the walking bus, providing drop off points on Briar Hill and outside St Cassians and possibly a special bus service for those travelling from the Kidderminster area.



This is the all too frequent scene in the Village, particularly during school opening and closing times, mainly due to inconsiderate parking



Parents are also being asked to park considerately and not opposite the double yellow lines which were created to provide a passing point.

The Governors are also hoping to reach some agreement for teachers and teaching staff parking.

In an effort to help businesses in the village, the Parish Council have created a space for employees cars on the allotment site, and this should remove a dozen cars from the street.

Subject to all these measures taking place, and everyone's co-operation in making them work, Bathams have agreed, as a gesture of goodwill, to allow non-patrons to use the SMALL CAR PARK at the Swan Public House, during the daytime. Parking should be of short duration and no parking will be allowed on the main car park.

We would ask everyone not to abuse this privilege and to understand that all parking is entirely at your own risk.

POWER OF WELL BEING

On 2 November 2009 the Parish Council adopted the Power of Well Being. This enables Councillors to do whatever they wish if it contributes to the well being of the community. The Statement of Community Engagement is available to download on the website.

PROPOSED CAR PARK IN THE VILLAGE

The Parish Council have considered a number of possible sites for a permanent car park, including the Doctor's Surgery, Fold Lane and land off the A448 at the entrance to the village, but for many reasons the best option was considered to be land at the rear of the Swan Public House.

This land might be purchased from the landowner, but access would be over the Swan public house car park. In exchange for this access the Henry VIII Trust in Warwick would wish to acquire the land immediately behind the Swan to protect their outlook. However, at this time we have been unable to reach agreement. Without this agreement we do not feel able

to proceed with the proposal, and the Parish Council have consequently been looking at other solutions to the immediate problem. If land becomes available in the future this decision will be reconsidered.

Residents' Handbook

The Parish Council is preparing a Handbook which will provide useful information, contacts and advice. This should be ready for distribution towards the middle of the year when a copy will be sent to each household. New residents can obtain a copy from local shops.

Progress Report on a new School for Chaddesley Corbett

At the January Parish Council meeting Cllr Phyllis Pardoe gave a report from David Mills on behalf of the Trustees of the Education Foundation Trust. Following a meeting on 23 November 2009 with Councillors and Officers of the County Council, a letter from the Head of Raising Achievement and Access to Learning had been received accepting that the total money available for the new school was £4m, leaving a shortfall of £400,000.

According to the Education Act 1980 the County Council is obliged to totally fund a basic school, and although officers would like the Education Foundation

Trust to make up the shortfall, the Charity Commissioners have stated that the Foundation cannot benefit the County Council and warning that Trustees may be personally liable if they did.

A further meeting with the Trustees and the County Council has been arranged in January to discuss ways of closing the gap.

The Parish Council noted the report with thanks, and expressed appreciation for the work of the Trustees in their concern with the County Council for the delay in bringing about an end to the problem and the consequences which have such an impact on the residents and businesses of the village.



The existing school was built in 1761

Affordable housing for Chaddesley Corbett

Following the recent Housing Needs Survey, the possible need for 11 affordable houses in the Parish had been identified.

The Parish Council Working Group met officials from Wyre Forest District Council and Community Housing in November to discuss a report prepared by the District Council on possible sites for affordable housing in Chaddesley parish.

The Working Group are now considering the report and will shortly advise the Parish Council on the next step.

It is important to stress that if any properties are built under this scheme, they will all carry a Section 106 Agreement and would be available only to local residents, or those with a local connection.

A Conservation Sign for Harvington

Harvington Hall and the Parish Council have commissioned a sign at the entrance to Harvington Conservation Area in an effort to encourage people to drive more carefully in this historic area.



European Blue Badge Scheme

The Blue Badge scheme (parking badges for disabled people) provides parking concessions for people with a PERMANENT and SUBSTANTIAL disability, whether the person is the driver or the passenger.

The qualifications for a blue badge are outlined in full on our web-site, or you can contact the Council Customer Service Centre in Kidderminster Town Hall, telephone 01562 732928.

The recent double yellow lines in the Village of Chaddesley Corbett have created the opportunity for blue badge holders and Registered Disabled to park for a short period, as long as they do not cause an obstruction. As this area was created in order to provide a passing point, it is important that it is not used by other road users, and the area is regularly patrolled by officers from the District Council who are empowered to impose a fine.

Information Leaflets

The Parish Council have prepared a series of Information Leaflets which are available to download from our web-site. These include:

- Light Pollution
- Dog fouling
- Noise and Air Pollution

Visit our website for more information:

www.chaddesleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Drainage and flooding issues

In July 2008 the Parish experienced severe flooding, although we were not as badly affected as many other areas.

Our Lengthsman went to considerable trouble to identify areas in the Parish where flooding regularly occurs, and some preliminary exploratory work was carried out by the County Council, which identified blockages in the drainage systems.

Since then, nothing much has happened. We have continued to press the County Council to carry out remedial works, and only recently received permission from Cllr Stephen Clee for the Parish Council to undertake some of these repairs. However, in the event, funding for this

work has to be obtained from the County Council and this has not been forthcoming. We have been advised that our work is low priority and what money is available is being directed to areas where household flooding has occurred.

An Emergency Plan has been prepared by the Parish Council and this has been fed into the District and County Council overall plan. Although the first contact in the event of any emergency is always to ring 999, nominated Councillors and officers will be alerted in the event of an emergency and will be available to co-ordinate and provide local knowledge and advice.



Meeting with Cllrs Stephen Clee, Geoff Vernon and Lengthsman, Bill Waldron in November 2009 to discuss drainage issues.

Community Services

Allotments

All the current allotment plots have been let and a water supply has been provided. Rents will have to be increased this year because the Worcestershire Diocese has increased our rent for the site.

The hedgerow along the top of the allotments off Fold Lane is in poor condition and will be removed, replanted and fenced.

Tenants are expected to keep their plots tidy and well maintained. Visitors are reminded that dogs should not be allowed to roam freely on the allotment site and should be kept on a lead at all times.

Community Orchard

More than 100 trees were planted last February and a further batch of trees will be planted February 2010. Watch the notice boards and Parish Magazine for the exact date (subject to weather conditions).

A grafting day will also be arranged so that more rare species can be grown in the future and we hope to have a central circle with a community seating area. Anyone wishing to donate a memorial bench should contact the Clerk.

Donations for the purchase of trees are very welcome and should be sent to the Clerk.

Burial Ground

New plots are still available in the Parish Council Burial Ground.

It has always been the policy to allow one headstone on each plot, mounted on a concrete slab, and planting or other permanent ornamentation is not allowed. Whilst the Parish Council understands this is a sensitive subject, some plots do not meet this specification. We would very much like relatives to level their plots and remove planting so that the burial ground can be maintained to a high standard and we are willing to organise this work if required. Please contact the Clerk for further information.

Parish Footpaths

Sandi Holding, our Footpaths Warden for many years, has had to resign due to ill health. We are therefore looking for a volunteer to walk our extensive network of footpaths, advise the contractor on what needs doing to keep our paths open for everyone to enjoy, and draw up a regular maintenance plan.

The position carries a nominal salary of £1,000 per annum and full training will be provided.

Contact the clerk for further information.

Lengthsman Scheme

Bill Waldron continues to offer an excellent service to the community in carrying out his Lengthsman duties. He can be seen regularly around the Parish clearing gullies and grips to allow the free flow of water into land drains and ditches. He also advises on potholes and repair work required on the highways, and clears leaves and litter from the carriageway and footway. Bill has also been heavily involved in trying to organise maintenance and clearance of our drainage systems to avoid flooding.

The Lengthsman Scheme, which is funded jointly by the County and Parish Council, is probably one of the most successful examples of Partnership Working in local Government today.

Neighbourhood Policing

Neighbourhood Watch now relies on e-mails to circulate information and these are provided by our CSO, Kate Easthope. If you would like to be a co-ordinator please contact Kate at Kidderminster Rural Local Policing Teams

Tel: 01562 828290 Ext: 3914

Visit our new website:www.chaddesleyparishcouncil.org.uk**Contact the Clerk - Yvonne Scriven**e-mail: Yvonne.Scriven@btinternet.com

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Dates for Parish Council meetings in 2010

Monday 1 February

Monday 1 March

Monday 29 March

Monday 3 May

Monday 7 June

Monday 5 July

Monday 2 August

Monday 6 September

Monday 4 October

Monday 1 November

Monday 6 December

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 May 2010 at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. The Parish Council would encourage all residents to attend this important meeting which gives you the opportunity to have your say on how your Parish should be run. If anyone would like to address the meeting, please contact the Clerk.

St Cassians Annual Fete and Flower Show

This will be held on Saturday 21 August 2010 and your Parish Councillors will be present if you wish to consult them.

Chairman's Message

Councillors and Trustees are required to identify matters of conflict. For my part I have on occasions been able to identify matters of conflict, but not always so able to distinguish them from matters of coincidence. The parking problems in the village are, for everyone, a matter of irritation and in that respect few of us have any

conflict of interest, however, some do and therein lies the rub.

The charm and attraction of the village is an asset as much for residents and businesses alike, no doubt the picturesque views have both sentimental and financial value. I am actively committed to the Parish Design Statement and fully support all the work which has been done to maintain and protect the distinctive character of the Village.

In truth the Village is now over populated with cars and children, and we are suffering the consequences, not least the businesses which we want and need. There has to be compromise. The school isn't going away, not for at

least three years. So we need a bit of respect for others, more patience and some common sense. There's a lot of work going on behind the scenes to try and find a solution, several as likely as not.

The Council had to create some parking restriction to allow passing places, I hate the yellow lines but I can't fight the Highways when public safety is at risk. However, this has offered some short term parking for the less able.

Jonathan Swift
Chairman - Parish Council